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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6481**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 132

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 20, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 19, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Correction of 2005 Child Services Legislation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill makes technical corrections as directed by Senate Enrolled Act 529-2005. The bill relocates appropriation provisions in current law to a new location in the Indiana Code. It repeals obsolete provisions and provisions being moved to a new location. It also provides that certain license applications may be denied or revoked if the employees or volunteers of the applicant or licensee have certain criminal convictions. The bill provides that a person may not operate a child caring institution and a child placing agency may not operate a foster family home if the number of children exceeds the number authorized by the license or if the children are maintained in a place not designated by the license. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Select Committee on Reorganization of Child Services.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *National Criminal History Background Checks:* The bill removes language which requires a child welfare caseworker or juvenile probation officer from having to conduct a criminal history background check for each person who is expected to reside in a location designated as a "relative" out-of-home placement for a child. The DCS reports that caseworkers are currently not enforcing this. Thus, no reduction in expenditures is anticipated as a result.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Child Services.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Allen County Juvenile Probation; Marion County Juvenile Probation; Hamilton County Juvenile Probation; James Payne, Department of Child Services; John Ryan, Department of Child Services; John Wood, Department of Child Services.

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